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SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREA AND THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

REF: (A) SEOUL 4556; (B) STATE 118319; (C) JIDDA 3419

1. THE ROK EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN IN REGULAR TOUCH WITH THE SAG ABOUT SUPPORTING SOUTH KOREA AT THE NAC IN LIMA. THE SAG HAS APPARENTLY BEEN SYMPATHETIC BUT NOT ENCOURAGING ABOUT WHAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO DO TO HELP BECAUSE IT DOES NOT HAVE A VERY HIGH STANDING IN THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, DOESN'T LIKE MANY OF THE "SOCIALIST" GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED THERE, AND IS NOT EVEN SURE THAT IT WILL BE REPRESENTED AT LIMA AT ALL.

2. THE ROK EMBASSY HERE HAS ONLY WITHIN THE PAST DAY OR SO RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH THE SAG TO URGE THAT IT ATTEND THE NAC IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE ROK.

3. WE HAVE BEEN COORDINATING WITH THE ROK EMBASSY HERE ON THE NAC ISSUE. ON JUNE 25 WE REITERATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT THE ROK WITH THE SAG FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE WERE TOLD THAT UNOBTUSIVE AND LOW KEY SUPPORT WOULD BE WELCOME BUT THAT FOR THE PRESENT MAJOR SUPPORT IS NOT REQUIRED.

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4. ROK AMBASSADOR YOON IS TO SEE MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD AL FAISAL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE WILL URGE THAT THE SAG SEND A DELEGATION TO LIMA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE ROK. HE WILL ALSO ASK THAT THE SAG DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR THE ROK AT THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING BEGINNING JULY 12. THIS LATTER INITIATIVE IS A VERY SMART MOVE. IN THE ISLAMIC CONTEXT AND ON ITS HOME TURF SAUDI ARABIAN INFLUENCE WILL BE AT ITS MAXIMUM.

5. WE HAVE RATHER STRONG RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE IN OUR BROADER INTERESTS FOR THE SAG TO ATTEND THE NAC SOLELY FOR THE (PROBABLY VAIN) PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING ROK MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAC. IT IS OUR RECOLLECTION OF THE LAST CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS THAT A STEAMROLLER WAS SET IN MOTION THAT MADE RECENT UNGA'S LOOK LIKE NINETEENTH CENTURY DELIBERATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS. WE KNOW AS FAR AS THE SAUDIS ARE CONCERNED THAT AFTER ALGIERS THEY ENDED UPON RECORD SUPPORTING THINGS THEY NOT ONLY DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE VOTING FOR BUT DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WERE BEING DEBATED. (TO MENTION JUST ONE EXAMPLE, OUR EFFORTS TO GET SAUDI SUPPORT ON THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE AT THE LAST UNGA WERE HAMPERED BY THE POSITION THE SAUDIS HAD UNKNOWINGLY TAKEN AT THE NAC IN SUPPORT OF THE GRUNK.) IT ALSO OCCURS TO US THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF THE SAG WERE NOT TO LEND ITS RECENTLY GREATLY ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE TO AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE DECLINE AND DEMISE WE PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT MOURN.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW FAR WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO URGE THE SAG TO SUPPORT THE ROK IN THE NAC.
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